

WRITING Punctuation

1 Write the punctuation marks next to the names.

- 1 question mark ?
 2 comma ,
 3 full stop .
 4 apostrophe ' .
 5 speech marks " " .
 6 brackets ()
 7 dash —
 8 exclamation mark !

2 Add punctuation to the sentences in the correct

- 1 What time is the english class
What time is the English class?
 2 I've never been here before she said
"I've never been here before," she said.
 3 That was a fantastic film said Jacky
"That was a fantastic film," said Jacky.
 4 alvin my sisters husband is a police officer
Alvin, my sister's husband, is a police officer.
 5 we woke up late about 8 o'clock
We woke up late - about 8 o'clock.
 6 where's helena's Italian dictionary asked Fiona
"Where's Helena's Italian dictionary?" asked Fiona.

3 Read the email. Add punctuation where necessary.

Hi Hannah
 How time I hope you're enjoying the start of the new year! Just thought I'd write and let you know about a new friend I've made.
 Her name's Tara and she's from Australia. She's come to this country for a year but I hope she stays longer to learn the language. She's really nice and she's really pretty too.
 We've done lots of things together this summer. We've shown her around the city and introduced her to my family and friends. She doesn't speak Spanish very well yet so we usually speak in English. She's invited me to go to Australia next summer to meet her family and visit the country. I hope I can save up enough money to go. It'd be fantastic.
 Anyway perhaps you'd like to meet her. How about coffee at my house next Tuesday at 11 am?
 Take care
 Max

Write

TASK

Write a reply to Max's email telling him about a new friend you've made. Write 120–150 words.



UNIT 1

READING

1 Choose two words that you would expect to see in a text about memory. Read the text and check.

Eastern friends Greek Japanese marks memorize movie real rhymes

Memory and experience

A Scientists at the University of California have spent five years studying a 40-year-old woman who has incredibly strong memories of her past. Given a date, Alison (not her real name) can recall with astonishing accuracy what she was doing on that day and what day of the week it was. Her case is the first of its kind. Scientists have invented a name for it – hyperthymestic syndrome, based on the Greek word *thymos* for 'remembering' and *hyper*, meaning 'more than normal'. Her friends and acquaintances call her 'the human calendar'.

B Alison's case is different from other cases of people with exceptional memories. Some people use rhymes or visual imagery to create associations. By using such techniques, they are able to memorize large amounts of information, like the Japanese man who recited the number pi to 83,431 decimal places in 2005. What makes Alison so remarkable is that she doesn't use any tricks to help her remember things. Her recall is instant and personal, and relates to her own life or to other events that she found interesting.

C Her powers of recollection can be astonishing. In 2003, she was asked to write down the date of Easter for every year from 1980 onwards. She immediately wrote all 24 dates in 10 minutes and included what she was doing on each of those days. All the dates except for one were accurate. The incorrect one was only two days out.

D There are limits to her memory, however. Although she has an almost perfect memory of any given date, she has difficulty learning things by heart and did not always do well in school. In a formal test to measure her autobiographical memory, she got top marks, but she had difficulty organizing and categorizing information.

A woman with an amazing memory

2 Read the text again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 'Given a date' means
 A when Alison says a date.
 B when scientists say a date.
 C the date that Alison does the experiment.
 D the date when Alison was born.
- 2 Scientists
 A found a Greek word meaning 'human calendar'.
 B don't believe that Alison is her real name.
 C asked Alison's friends to help them.
 D have never seen a similar case to Alison's.
- 3 Alison
 A has a memory like other exceptional people's memories.
 B and a Japanese man use a similar technique.
 C has a special trick to help her remember information.
 D 'S memory is closely related to personal experience.
- 4 'Two days out' means
 A incorrect by two days.
 B two days before the correct day.
 C two days after the correct day.
 D incorrect on two days.
- 5 Alison
 A always got excellent results at school.
 B found it difficult to memorize things at school.
 C wasn't very good at remembering life events.
 D was good at processing and sorting information.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the

- 1 Scientists have spent five years *studying* (study) a 40-year-old woman.
 2 Some people use visual imagery *to create* (create) associations.
 3 They are able *to memorize* (memorize) large amounts of information.
 4 She doesn't use any tricks to help her *remember* (remember) things.
 5 She has difficulty *learning* (learn) things by heart.